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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED AT REQUEST OF PILOT AND
INDUSTRY ADVISERS TO US ICAO DELEGATION, ALLEN BERK OF
AMERICAN AIRLINES PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND JAMES LANDRY OF
AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION. IT REFLECTS THEIR VIEWS AND
SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEPTTEL REFLECTING
AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE'S VIEWS:

2. ALPA AND ATA INDUSTRY ADVISERS WISH TO REGISTER THEIR
GRAVE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LETTER AND SPIRIT OF INSTRUCTIONS
RECEIVED REFTEL. IN THEIR VIEW ROME MEETINGS WILL NOT
PRODUCE MEAGER PROGRESS AS INDICATED IN REFTEL PARA 1.
MEETING WILL REFLECT FUTILITY OF RESORTING TO ICAO FORUM
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TO COPE WITH THIS DELICATE ISSUE.

3. THEY BELIEVE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL PARA 3 MISASSESS SITUATION SINCE USEFUL INDEPENDENT CONVENTION IS IMPOSSIBLE AND DEAL WITH USSR UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES NOT PRODUCTIVE.

4. THEY ALSO FEEL INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL PARA 4 NOT CONSISTENT WITH US POSITION OVER LAST 18 MONTHS. THEY URGE NO USG SUPPORT FOR SOLUTIONS REMAINING ON TABLE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE FUTURE OPTION TO RESORT TO OTHER MULTILATERAL, BILATERAL OR EVEN UNILATERAL ACTIONS OUTSIDE ICAO MACHINERY. REFTEL PARA 8 COULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD AS RESOLUTION CANNOT MAKE NEW LAW BUT MIGHT ERODE EXISTING LAW. FURTHERMORE, OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANY ICAO MEMBER, THROUGH ADOPTION OF SUCH RESOLUTIONS OR AMENDMENT TO CHICAGO, TO MAKE HYPOCRITICAL STATEMENT THAT REAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. VOLPE

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